

## STATE OF INDIANA



Michael R. Pence, Governor  
David Murtaugh, Executive Director

To: Indiana Law Enforcement Agencies

Date: March 25, 2016

Re: Drug Recognition Expert Training Course Announcement

Dates: **Monday, June 20, 2016 through Thursday, June 30, 2016**

Location: IMPD Training Academy,  
901 N Post Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46219  
Phone: (317) 327-6650

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 DRE Training Program. The course is scheduled for June 20, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at the IMPD Training Academy in Indianapolis. Agencies should plan for a minimum of a three week training dedication for their officer to complete training and certification.

The DRE Program is supported by NHTSA and TSI, the Transportation Safety Institute. The program is extremely demanding and requires additional study outside of the course hours. Completion of the course has three segments:

**Pre-School:** This phase consists of 16 hours of basic knowledge a prospective candidate will need in order to successfully complete the following seven-day course. Training during this portion consists of skills learned in taking accurate vital signs, pulse, blood pressure and body temperature. Students are also given hands-on practice in pupillary estimation, pupillary response, examination of muscle tone, and an overview of the seven basic drug categories used in the DECP.

**Seven-Day Course:** Conducted directly after the Pre-School, this course deals with physiology, toxicology, the overall drug evaluation, and familiarization with the seven drug category matrix used in determination of drug psychoactivity. This portion includes three written examinations, as well as five quizzes, and a demonstration of proficiency in SFSTs. (Prior training and competency in SFST is required.) Finally all students are required to successfully demonstrate a proficiency in performing the entire drug evaluation.

**Certification Phase:** After successfully completing the academic portion, the students must complete the certification portion. The responsibility of completion of this phase lies with the student. Certification nights will be scheduled in an attempt to allow all prospective DREs to finish their training within six months of successful completion of the school. The requirements of this portion include: evaluating at least twelve (12) drug impaired individuals under supervision of a DRE instructor, identifying three of the seven drug categories, attaining an 80% correct identification rate verified by toxicology.

### **Lodging Accomodations:**

Lodging arrangements will be provided under the State Travel Guidelines as a direct bill to the State of Indiana. If you are traveling more than **90 miles** you will be provided lodging the night before the course. Those traveling more than **50 miles** between each night of the course will be provided lodging each night.

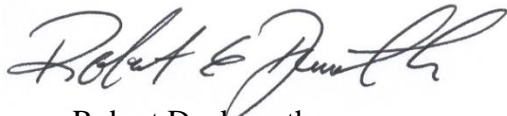
### **Course Equipment and Supplies:**

All equipment for the course is provided for the students. Students are asked to bring a laptop computer for the course in order to receive course materials.

### **Application and Acceptance:**

Acceptance to the course requires the completion of an application and signatures from the local Prosecutor and Chief Executive Officer from the sponsoring agency. Application for the upcoming DRE Course is attached and should be scanned and returned to Robert Duckworth at [rduckworth@cji.in.gov](mailto:rduckworth@cji.in.gov). The course is limited to 20 students statewide, with the reason for limitation being the ability to assure completion of the Field Certification Phase and ultimately be credentialed by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP).

Respectfully,



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Attachments: Indiana DRE Application